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SUBJ: EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS WASHINGTON VISIT -- EXPORT
CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS AND RELATED PRODUCTS

REF: - A) STATE 129605; (B) EC BRUSSELS 3661; (C) EC BRUSSELS 3649;
(D) EC BRUSSELS 3709

1. SUMMARY. EC COMMISSIONER LARDIONIS IS TRYING TO RESOLVE
A CONFLICT IN HIS SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO ACCEPT SECRETARY
BUTZ' INVITATION FOR A MEETING AND WORKING LUNCHEON
ON JULY 11. AT OUR URGING, LARDINOIS HAS PROMISED
A DEFINITE REPLY TODAY, JULY 5. WE SAID THAT SECRETARY
BUTZ HAS AN EXTREMELY HEAVY SCHEDULE BUT WE ANTICIPATED
THAT THE TIME COULD BE HELD FOR THE FEW ADDITIONAL HOURS
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NECESSARY FOR LARDINOIS TO ANSWER TODAY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON RECEIPT OF THE INFO IN REFTEL A, WE PROMPTLY ADVISED A MEMBER OF LARDINOIS' CABINET THAT SECRETARY BUTZ WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH LARDINOIS FROM 11:30 A. M. THROUGH LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11. WE ADDED THAT, ONCE THIS DATE WAS SET, A PROGRAM COULD BE ARRANGED FOR LARDINOIS TO SEE SUCH OTHER KEY USG PEOPLE AS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AND AVAILABLE.

3. LARDINOIS, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS CHEF DE CABINET, WIJNMAALEN, WAS IN ENGLAND UNTIL THE LATE EVENING OF JULY 3 AND OUT OF TOUCH WITH HIS OFFICE. AT OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 4, WE CONTACTED WIJNMAALEN WHO WAS AWARE OF THE PROPOSED VISIT DATE AND EXPECTED TO GIVE US FURTHER WORD IN THE AFTERNOON.

4. MEANWHILE, LARDINOIS APPEARED AT THE EC COMMISSION'S NOON BRIEFING JULY 4 AND SPOKE TO THE PRESS ABOUT THE SOYBEAN SITUATION.

HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS MAKING A QUICK TRIP TO WASHINGTON AT THE INVITATION OF SECRETARIES SHULTZ AND BUTZ FOR TALKS ON MONDAY, JULY 9. (WE ARE REPORTING LARDINOIS' PRESS CONFERENCE BY SEPTTEL IMMEDIATE.)

5. ON LEARNING OF LARDINOIS' COMMENTS ABOUT HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, WE ARRANGED TO MEET WITH WIJNMAALEN. (RABOT, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE WAS ALSO PRESENT.) WIJNMAALEN SAID WITH SOME EMBARRASMENT THAT LARDINOIS' REFERENCE TO JULY 9 WAS A " SLIP OF THE TONGUE" WHICH HE EARNESTLY HOPED WE WOULD IGNORE.

6. WIJNMAALEN ALSO EXPLAINED THAT LARDINOIS HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE JULY 11 DATE IN THAT THE COMMISSION PLANS TO DEVOTE THAT DAY, AND POSSIBLY PART OF JULY 12, TO DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS PAPERS RELATED TO ITS REVIEW OF THE CAP. NEVERTHELESS, LARDINOIS CONSIDERS THE SOYBEAN QUESTION OF SUCH MAJOR IMPORTANCE THAT HE MIGHT TRY TO HAVE THE COMMISSION DISCUSSION PUT OFF. WE SAID WE UNDERSTOOD LARDINOIS' PROBLEM. THAT HE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME IN WASHINGTON; BUT THAT SECRETARY BUTZ ALSO HAD A HEAVY SCHEDULE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE A PROMPT REPLY.
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7. AFTER CONFERRING WITH LARDINOIS, WIJNMAALEN ASKED THAT WE ADVISE WASHINGTON (A) LARDINOIS STILL CONSIDERS A PERSONAL CONSULTATION VERY IMPORTANT; AND (B) HE WILL GIVE US A DEFINITE ANSWER JULY 5 AFTER HE HAS CONSULTED WITH COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI. WE SAID WE WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON AND RECOMMEND THAT THE TIME BE HELD ON

SECRETARY BUTZ' CALENDAR PENDING A REPLY BEFORE COB
JULY 5.

8. WE ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO SUMMARIZE FOR WIJNMAALEN
AND RABOT THE BRIEFING MISSION OFFICERS PROVIDED COMMISSION
OFFICIALS ON THE SOYBEAN SITUATION (REFTEL D). HARTMAN

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